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Richland, WA 99352

Re: HANFORD - 100-AREA (DOE), C-03-0014-001

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Ecology is required to develop a comprehensive program for cleaning up hazardous substances. As part of this effort, Ecology must prepare a list of sites which are known or suspected to be contaminated.

According to our records, you are listed as the owner and/or operator of a site(s) known to be contaminated with hazardous substances. Enclosed is the information which Ecology has in its files regarding this site(s).

We know this list will be sensitive and we therefore want to make every effort to insure we have accurate information. We are contacting you to provide you an opportunity to review the enclosed information before Ecology finalizes the contaminated site list.

The public, news media, legislators, local officials and others are already asking for the list. Since the information is subject to public disclosure, we plan to release the list on request.

It is very important that you review the enclosed information. At this time, we are trying to correct the obvious factual errors. Please describe any corrections on the "Owner/Operator Site Information" form. In some cases, you may be citing an environmental audit or inspection performed by a private contractor. We expect the consultant's name, address, phone and date of the study to be listed. In addition, you should attach the cover page or summary of any environmental assessment.

Send the form and any supporting material to the appropriate Ecology office by January 30, 1989. (A list of Ecology offices and contact persons is attached.) Information submitted by January 30 will be reviewed by Ecology staff before the list is finalized in mid-February.

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Initially, we will be looking for major factual errors such as inaccurate or inappropriate addresses, owners, and operators. If you have any factual information on these matters, we will verify it and correct the database.

Information you offer on more substantive issues, such as type of contamination, will require a longer review and verification process, and we will contact you about those issues in the future.

Your prompt response will enable Ecology to develop an accurate list of known and potentially contaminated sites in Washington.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Carol L. Fleskes*

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Depending on the Ecology lead for a site, the Regional Office may refer you to Ecology Headquarters.

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# Focus

## HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP

In November, Washington voters passed Initiative 97, the Model Toxics Control Act. The initiative, which becomes effective March 1, 1989, will replace the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Act (Ch. 70.105B RCW).

Generally, the Model Toxics Control Act will:

- Impose a .7% (or \$7 per \$1000) tax on the wholesale value of hazardous substances to fund cleanup, regulatory and citizen involvement programs.
- Allow for settlements with responsible parties to voluntarily clean up their contaminated sites.
- Provide authority for the state to conduct cleanups.
- Require that sites be cleaned up to levels at least as stringent as federal standards and all applicable state regulations.
- Provide the opportunity for public involvement through regional citizens' advisory committees and public notice before settlement agreements and enforcement orders take effect.
- Provide grant funding to eligible citizen groups that may be affected by contaminated sites or proposed waste facilities.
- Provide public funding to assist in enhancing and expediting the cleanup of contaminated sites that meet specific criteria.
- Establish financial and criminal penalties for violation of cleanup orders.
- Create a fund to help local governments pay for contaminated site cleanup and solid and hazardous waste planning, including waste reduction and recycling.
- Establish a site discovery program.
- Create a five-member Science Advisory Board to advise on technical issues.
- Allow Ecology to collect annual fees from wastewater discharge permit holders to recover its expenses for operating the state water quality regulation program.

Representatives of local government, environmental groups, small businesses, agriculture and industries are working with the Department of Ecology and the Attorney General's Office to develop rules under the initiative. Regulations that were adopted under Ch. 70.105B RCW will remain in effect until March 1, 1989.

### ECOLOGY'S INTERIM POLICY

During the interim period preceding the effective date of the Model Toxics Control Act, Ecology will:

- Continue negotiations with potentially liable persons for the purpose of reaching settlement agreements.
- Attempt to accommodate cleanup actions initiated by potentially liable persons.
- Provide the public with an opportunity for review and comment on all enforcement orders and petroleum site cleanups under Ch. 70.105B RCW.
- Negotiate final cleanup consent decrees to meet the requirements of the initiative.

This information is designed to give you only a basic overview of the Model Toxics Control Act and Ecology's interim strategy. Ecology recognizes that these issues are complicated. Staff members are making every effort to be responsive and help minimize confusion during this transition period.

If you have comments or questions, call Joan Pelley at (206) 438-3000.

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